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Small Business Wins Marion Vote

By Mick Colageo

No one has launched an argument against the importance of small-business growth in the Town of Marion, but victories for Carleton "Toby" Burr in the Select Board race and Tucker Burr in the Planning Board race indicate that the large turnout in Friday's election reflect on an emerging concern in town.

Toby Burr defeated Dr. Ed Hoffer, 524-397, for the seat vacated last week by John Waterman, who had served four years and endorsed Hoffer.

Burr is the owner of Burr Brothers Boats, Inc., in Marion; Hoffer is a recently retired physician who holds seats on the Board of Health and the Zoning Board of Appeals and has been involved in efforts toward creating housing options for senior citizens who wish to stay in town rather than get priced out.

"The thing I heard repeatedly is that Marion has a tough decision with two good candidates," said Burr, who has compared the future of the Lockheed Martin property to the industrial park that slowly and successfully grew in Mattapoisett. He is not keen on the idea of residential plans for that land.

"(Lockheed Martin) did put the issue of bringing more small businesses to town on the front runner. That was an issue that interested people," he said. "It is a long-term project, that's not going to happen overnight. ... it's something that takes a decade to put together."

Hoffer offered comment via a letter to the editor thanking those who supported not only his campaign but the entire election. He told The Wanderer he will keep his seat on the Board of Health and ZBA and will continue activities with the Friends of the Council on Aging and will continue to volunteer at the COA. He says he has other ideas as well, including teaching emergency medical

technicians serving Marion.

Toby Burr sat on the Select Board in a public meeting for the first time on Tuesday night at the Music Hall. He is well versed on the town's infrastructural challenges and the burdens that taxpayers in town face.

"There's just a whole lot of things on the to-do list, and I never really prioritized them all. Again, none of them can happen overnight," he said. "It'll be a lot of

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On the Cover: Marion Town Clerk Lissa Magauran, left, and her team of volunteers including Lisa McLean (back turned), Cynthia Callow, Paul Naiman, Dick Giberti and Tom Magauran (not pictured) recounted votes after the polls closed on Friday night at the Cushing Community Center. The well-attended May 13 Town Election resulted in the installation of Carleton "Toby" Burr as a Select Board member and of Tucker Burr, his son, and Andrew Daniel as new Planning Board members. Photo by Marilou Newell

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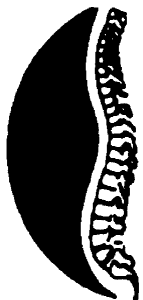
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work, but it should be an interesting experience."

Tucker Burr, Toby's son who now runs the family business, and Andrew Daniel were the new members on Monday night's Planning Board meeting. Tucker Burr received 520 votes, while Daniel received 498, a wide margin for the two winners against bids from Barrett Levenson (209) and W. Dale Jones (200.)

"I was hopeful. ... You had a race with four candidates, you never know what's going to happen," said Daniel, who lost his Planning Board seat last year in a similar four-way race that saw John Henry and Alanna Nelson win seats while he and Tucker Burr were on the outside.

Now they are all serving, and Daniel suspects the large voter turnout (939 of a potential 4,363) helped his cause. "Five or 600 people at the polls, things might have been a lot different," he said. "I do feel that having a pretty popular Select Board race probably helped the Planning Board ... they supported us as well."

The dynamics of the board, no longer with Will Saltonstall and Joe Rocha, won't change for Daniel. "Same job, I've always just tried to make decisions that I thought were the best for everybody in town. I'm just going to continue to do that, I hope," he said.

Hoffer (Board of Health) was among several incumbents to run uncontested and maintain their seats on other boards, along with Assessor Catherine Gibbs, Moderator Brad Gordon, Open Space Acquisition Commission Chairman John Rockwell, Marion School Committee member Nichole Daniel and Old Rochester Regional School Committee member April Nye.

With 55 write-in votes, Nichole Nye McGaffey won a one-year term on the Marion School Committee and was sworn into office. In order to continue beyond a year, she will be required to run for a three-year term in 2023.

Marc Sylvia, Ron LaRoche and Alan Harris received two votes each for seats on the Open Space Acquisition Commission. According to Town Clerk Lissa Magauran, Sylvia has accepted a one-year term. LaRoche's status was not known at press time. Harris, the former vice-chairman, declined. In order to continue

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Reaffirming the May 9 Town Meeting vote that supported the borrowing of \$3,000,000 toward a new \$4,500,000 Department of Public Works operations center at Benson Brook, Question 1 asking voters to allow the town to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½ the associated bonds was approved, 592-246.

Three More Years for Collyer

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett's native son, Jordan Collyer, held his seat on the Select Board during the May 17 Town Election with a 750-196 landslide victory over challenger Donald LaMarr.

"I love this job," said Collyer. "I want my children to have what I had growing up here."

The Select Board member thanked LaMarr for running a good campaign, saying it was an honor and a pleasure to meet him and that he hopes LaMarr would

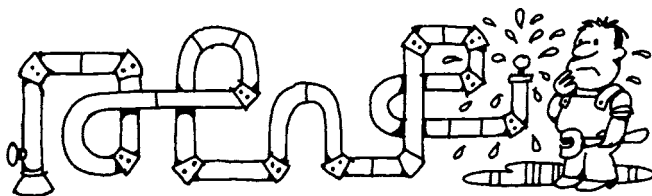
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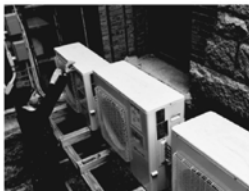
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Collyer ran a very low-key campaign, spending months leading up to the elections preparing for and participating in the preparation of the FY23 budget and Spring Town Meeting. When asked for his comments immediately after the win was announced, he thanked the voters for their continued support. He said the work of the town would continue Wednesday morning with a list that includes addressing school issues in the number one position. Collyer said that Town Meeting proved that people are ready to have more serious discussions regarding school spending and budgets, saying, "We need a long-term solution." Collyer also said that completing the bike path, specifically Phase 1b, is another high priority on his list.



Asked if this would be his last term, which would bring him to the 20-year mark, Collyer said, "My intention was to run one more time, but I'll play it by ear."

He said as long as there continues to be high-caliber team members such as Town Administrator Mike Lorencio, Chief of Police Jason King and Fire Chief Andrew Murray, he might wish to try again.

For now, the win caps a turbulent period for the town and its residents as the pandemic stretched resources in every category.

In the only other contested race, Mike Rosa was reelected to Trustees of the Public Library with 614 votes. The other three-year term went to Bill Coquillette, who edged Donald Fleming, 480-430.

Two three-year terms were taken on the Mattapoisett School Committee by write-in candidates Cristine Cowles (388 votes) and Amanda Hasting (385) and retiring Mattapoisett Schools Principal Rose Bowman garnered 781 votes in her campaign for a three-year

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term on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee. Receiving write-in votes in unsuccessful bids for Mattapoisett School Committee were Rick Riley (194) and Lyn Pelland (147.)

Attorney John Mathieu ran unopposed for an open seat on the Planning Board and got 688 votes for a three-year term.

Write-in counts made for a long night for election volunteers, and two other openings were won by write-in candidates: Michelle Bernier (66) to a three-year term on the Board of Health and Dana Barrows (25) to a three-year term on the Water and Sewer Commission.

Incumbents running unopposed included: Cary Leblanc (771 votes) on the Board of Assessors; James Pierson (699) and Susan Wilbur (759) on the Community Preservation Committee; Suzanne Kennedy (721) on the Mattapoisett Housing Authority; Constable Kenneth Pacheco (746); Herring Inspector Jonathan Wilbur (724); Moderator John Eklund (762); and Tree Warden Roland Cote (779.)

Panelists Discuss Immigrant, Refugee Issues

By Marilou Newell

Immigrants are people leaving their country of origin by choice. Those choices may be many, but their movement ultimately is by choice. Refugees are people fleeing their country of origins for reasons of personal safety; the safety issues may be varied, but in the end,



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this group had no choice. While these people may find themselves on the south coast for different reasons, they all need many of the same services as they transition into American culture and society.

On May 15, the Mattapoiset Congregational Church's Just Peace group hosted a community forum to explore all aspects of an immigrant and refugee experience and their associated needs.

The panelists represented New Bedford based agencies. Representing Immigrant Assistance Center was Helena DaSilva Hughes; Corinne Williams represented Community Economic Development Center; the Southcoast Afghan Welcome Network and also the Department of Community Services for the City of New



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Bedford were represented by Mali Lim; and Marlene Cerritos-Rivas represented *Mujeres Vicaoriosas* (Partners in Health.)

Each advocate spoke to the level of service their agency provides to immigrants and the types of needs all immigrating persons may face. The message coming through the discussion loud and clear: The needs of these populations are profound, expensive and growing.

After introductions, each panelist discussed the role of their agency in the lives of people attempting resettlement here.

Williams has been assisting newcomers to the Greater New Bedford area for decades and is a founding member of the Community Economic Development Center. She said that the agency services not only include English language classes but also teach new arrivals how to use financial systems such as banks, tax preparation and technology. And although the agency faced a disaster when its building burned down, the CEDC is now back in full swing at a new location in New Bedford.



Williams said that many of the people the CEDC serves want to start businesses but don't know how or where to begin. The agency assists with those matters too.

The challenges associated with attending to legal matters was high on the list of arrangements that the CEDC has been able to pull together. "We've built an amazing network," Williams said of the people who have come forward to offer transportation to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) hearings and medical services that are oftentimes many miles away.

Yet the pandemic has impacted the availability of volunteer drivers, a worrisome situation for the agency.

Cerritos-Rivas was invited to join the panels

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Lim talked about the need to educate new arrivals on how to live day by day in what can be a challenging environment.

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Lim recently became an immigration lawyer because the need for this type of specialty legal aid is growing daily. She pointed to the approximately 30 Afghan refugees currently being served in the area, and that it is likely the south coast will be receiving refugees from the Ukraine. But housing is a huge stumbling block, she said.

Lim said that the Southcoast Afghan Welcome Network coordinates and/or supplies this population with furniture, food, clothing, finding jobs or teaching them how read. The task of integrating into a new country is already a complex journey, but without finances or the ability to earn money and the challenge of where to buy groceries or how to get medical help, the immigrants may feel hopeless, especially when government support steps away.

To fill the breach, Lim stated, "We've coordinated Friends Circle."

The panelists were all acutely aware of the lack of housing stock in the region, especially since the pandemic-leveraged restrictions on evictions were lifted. Some 600 evictions have taken place in New Bedford, said Hughes. These citizens are now competing for housing with immigrants, she said. "It's a housing crisis," said Hughes of the Afghan refugees. "These people are our allies."

Hughes spoke to their need to learn English and explained that each new wave of immigrant arrivals brings new challenges that must be met. She emphasized the need for Spanish speakers in the schools to work with students, many of whom she said were struggling in the aftermath of physical and emotional traumas.

Hughes said her agency works with the police department to bring justice to victims. She estimated that there are 15,000,000 undocumented people in the U.S. Another population in dire need of services. Pointing to her decades of working on behalf of the immigrant population, Hughes said that immigration reform has

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Williams said, "There are people coming across the border from 10 countries now, many from Brazil." Lim said, "And some lawyers aren't immigration lawyers, they are taking advantage of (immigrants.)" She asked for continued financial support and volunteers.

Cerritos-Rivas shared what she believes is an important overall goal. "We want them to live their lives as productive people, get their own businesses and maybe one day return to their own countries."

To learn more, contact Lim at mali.lim@newbedford-ma.gov, Hughes at immigrantassistancecenter.org and Williams at cednewbedford.org.

A Profusion of Abstraction

Marion Art Center

By Marilou Newell

Spring in all its glory is fully evident throughout our patch of the globe. Flowering trees combine with perennials to color the landscapes as only they can do.

At the Marion Art Center, a new exhibit has just opened that adds to the delights of spring with color galore. Titled Profusion of Color: Abstracts, the show, features the works of artists Alyn Carlson, Pat Coomey Thornton and Pat Warwick.

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Carlson has been creating works of art since she was a child, "but about 15 years ago, I started to take things seriously," she said. Carlson admittedly felt timid about pursuing visual art. Yet there is nothing timid in her finished pieces.

Carlson's visual art creations run the gamut of methods from watercolors to oil to gouache and graphite as well as a wide variety of expression. Interior designs, theater both as an actor and director, author and paper art, are just a few more of Carlson's creative inclinations. Of her art and its many forms, Carlson says, "You pick where you want to go with me."

The paintings on exhibit at the MAC stem from her early influences living on a farm. When you step back from several of her displayed paintings, you can feel and see the open plains and the vast prairies blanketed in waving grasses. And if you pause long enough, you may even feel the wind as it rolls across the vegetation and hear the rushing sound as if water were flowing. Carlson would surely agree.

Pat Warwick was a tile artist; those small, intense, little ceramic pieces that somehow capture everything that can be found on large canvases were Warwick's signature works. She made tiles for some 36 years. But Warwick felt it was time to branch out and give her creative energies room to move through the abstract art form.

Five years ago, she began painting. She said of her process, "In the spirit of adventure, I make spontaneous marks with lots of color and texture to build layers, always on the lookout for a line or shape that emerges to evoke a memory. Often, I feel like an archaeologist creating order out of chaos. Though it is a personal journey for me, my hope is that a strong composition and nuanced surface will engage the viewer on a more universal level."

Warwick's process, of letting the shapes and colors she puts forth inform the major theme of the work, is the abstraction between the real and the imagined. It

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is where her many years of creating tiles comes out to play in complete abandonment; they are creations meant to open the mind's eye to what can be, and they are simply glorious.

Pat Coomey Thornton says she has been creating art since she was 16. "I love everything about painting, the colors, the smells, everything!" She said that while raising her children, her art life had to take a backseat but that now, "I feel karma in the studio, it nourishes my soul."

In writing of her process and experience as an artist, Coomey Thornton said, "I try to capture a sense of fleeting time, a glimpse of parts that suggest the whole, and the energy of a continuum. I hope to create a work where color, texture and mark offer the observer an absorbing entrance to their own experiences and thoughts."

Coomey Thornton also said of her work, "I seize upon nuances from my surroundings and life as points of departure. I simplify shapes to suggest their



recognizable relatives and hope to generate more than one interpretation."

As an educator, Coomey Thornton has taught at the Rhode Island School of Design and the School of the Worcester Art Museum. She retired 12 years ago, giving her time to more fully explore her creative works. Her canvases feature themes from nature or spiritual experiences, experiential moods through time with shapes and colors that exude grace.

Abstract art takes from reality but does not attempt to accurately depict forms. Abstractions in art instead employs shapes, colors or forms with gestural movement to reach out from imagination to touch the viewer's heart. Abstract art may be considered an acquired taste. However, once the appetite has been whetted, it is impossible to set it aside. Visit the MAC and taste something new and very delicious.

Profusion of Color: Abstractions is on view now through June 25. Visit marionartcenter.org for complete details.

Editor's Note: As we have done beginning in 2020, The Wanderer has invited candidates in contested races to submit up to 350 words about their candidacy for public office. This week we have the candidates for both the Rochester Select Board and Rochester School Committee. Below are statements from Rochester Select Board candidates Brad Morse and Adam Murphy. Morse is the incumbent and presently serves as chair. The Town of Rochester will hold its Election on Wednesday, May 25, at the Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

Brad Morse – Rochester Select Board

I am seeking re-election to the Rochester Select Board, having served the last six terms. Prior to that, I served on the Planning Board for 12 years and the Dexter Lane Use Committee. I am a fifth-generation cranberry farmer in town, a graduate of Mass Maritime Academy, past president of Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association, Grower Council Member of Ocean



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Spray Cranberry Group, and retired call lieutenant of the Town of Wareham Fire Department, having served for 26 years. My experience on the various boards and committees brings forth lots of institutional knowledge which is important for consistency in town operations. In the past five years, we as a Select Board have continued to make financial stability one of our main goals by increasing many special-purpose Stabilization Funds by \$2,100,000 and by conservatively addressing the Town's capital needs. The Town has also been very fortunate with the amount of grant funding that we have been awarded in the last few years and continue to pursue whatever resources are available to the Town to keep it an affordable place to live. My goals for the future would be to sustain financial stability, while thoroughly looking at the needs of the public-safety departments and maintaining town services.

Adam C Murphy - Rochester Select Board

My name is Adam Murphy, 40, I have chosen to pursue a seat on the Select Board. I have been extremely fortunate to be born and raised in Rochester. I am married to Jessica Murphy, 38, a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. I am the father of two children: Hailey, 16, and Adam Jr., 13; both attend Old Rochester Regional High School. I work for the Town of Marion as the Deputy Harbormaster and own Rochester-based trucking company Tri-Town Service, Inc., a part of my family business, Murphy's Auto



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Salvage, Inc. Over the past 19 years, I have dedicated myself to public safety. As a Deputy Harbormaster, I am a patrolman on the Marion Police Department and second in command of the Harbormaster Department. I work hand in hand with the Harbormaster, preparing and executing the budget, managing and looking to obtain grants to offset our department's needs. With town budgets continuing to grow, our entire community feels the economic impact. Without big business to offset our town's budget, it is incredibly important to work hard and plan ahead. Finding new creative ways to improve our ability to obtain available grants for future capital projects is one of my top priorities. I believe we need to create more effective communication for and with our town boards, along with the community. I want to work on ways to gain the public's interests and hear the community's thoughts. We have many valuable resources within our town, it's time to get them more involved in helping us navigate into the future. My background in public safety and working for a municipality has offered me the knowledge in town government to make me an ideal candidate for selectman. The Select Board is an essential role in our community. This is our opportunity to bring a new and vibrant insight. If you choose to elect me as Selectman, I can assure you I am a man of my word. I do what I say I am going to do, and I will work hard to make the best decisions for our community.

Editor's Note: Below are statements from five Rochester School Committee candidates, who are running in two distinct races. The first is a three-year term for the seat presently occupied by Sharon Hartley, who is being challenged by Melissa Goneau. The second is a three-candidate race to serve a two-year term to fill the seat vacated in 2021 by Tina Rood. A tie in 2021 write-in votes resulted in a "failure to elect," and per protocol the Select Board appointed Jason Chisholm to a one-year term. Chisholm is being challenged for the remaining two-year term by Gregory Hardy and James O'Brien. The Town of Rochester will hold its Election on Wednesday, May 25, at the Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

Jason S. Chisholm – Rochester School Committee

Rochester Friends & Neighbors, I am currently serving as a member of Rochester Memorial and Old Rochester Regional Joint School Committees for the 2022 school year. A vacant seat was available on the 2021-2022 RMS School Committee as no other candidates came forward for the prior election period; after learning about the opening and submitting a letter of intent to join the Committee, I was granted an appointment by the existing RMS School Committee and Select Board of Rochester. As an appointee, I am to stay in role for the first year, after which I must then be elected by the community of Rochester for the remainder of what would be a three-year term. As your incumbent, I will continue to show up with a levelheaded, common-sense, open-minded approach to the work at hand. We have a tremendous Central Office team led by Superintendent Mike Nelson and are blessed to have a team of hard working and well-intended teachers and support staff. My colleagues on the School Committee are equally as motivated and committed to the mission of our children, educators, and parents/guardians. My background as a business leader, parent, youth coach, board member and Executive Director of a local nonprofit organization



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make me uniquely qualified to support the discussion, and decisions that must be made on a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly basis. I'm well educated, having graduated from Bedford High School in 1992 and then Boston University in 1997, where I was a varsity athlete. Additionally, my background and upbringing in a military family (father and mother were both career Air Force) has given me the opportunity to travel the world, live abroad and experience many different cultures and communities. My love and appreciation for small town America is balanced by my love for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity for all people regardless of political leanings or economic status. It's this open mindedness and ability to think both critically and independently that allows me

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to collaborate with all members of the School Committee as we work to support the Administration, Support Staff, Teachers, Students, Parents and Each other.

Melissa Goneau – Rochester School Committee

My interest as a candidate for the RMS School Committee relates to what Faith and service means to me and what it calls for at this moment in time, righting the wrongs. I was once taught that America is the greatest nation on Earth; if this holds truth then I believe the World is counting on all of us for a better tomorrow. My name is Melissa Goneau, I grew up in E. Freetown Massachusetts and have lived in Rochester for nearly 8 years. As a grandmother of four, I believe they, like all children, deserve nothing less than respect, to feel safe, seen, heard, and supported while being accepted, most importantly loved. I spent time observing in my children's classrooms, attending meetings, asking questions, and researching. I began to realize NCLB had nothing to do with the educational needs of Our Children but everything to do with financial gains and control. In 2009 RtTT came along baiting states with funds in exchange for the adoption of new standards and curriculum known as Common Core. This was never about educating our children. It was, and continues to be, about complete control over curriculum, data collection, resources, teacher training and other assessment tools. Our future is shaped around our environment, and the education we receive. If Public Education continues to be overlooked, unquestioned and left unchallenged there will be great irreversible lasting consequences on Our Schools, Our Children and Our future. Back in 2015 concerns were brought to the School Committee regarding Data collection, while it was acknowledged that data collection was a concern for "many districts" it was not a concern for ours. Today we use Google Classroom which is attached to an IP address and a Gmail account. We also outsource surveys, not only is our data jeopardized,



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but it's also not anonymous. I would like to look into current curriculum, bring transparency, allowing Parents to decide to opt into any controversial topics. If elected, I promise to do this job diligently as I believe "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Greg Hardy – Rochester School Committee

I've been living in Rochester for nearly the last five years and have two wonderful children who attend RMS. I was born and raised in Acushnet, attended St. Francis School and then New Bedford High. I served four years in the Army National Guard and while working full time in construction. With extended family in town for over 30 years, we have a vested interest in Rochester. My kids are active in sports and I've always coached in Rochester, Acushnet and New Bedford. As a school committee member, my top priority would be to ensure safety and the well-being of ALL students and make sure that all kids have a fair shot. I would be a strong voice for the parents and listen to their concerns because I would be working for them. Overall, RMS is a great school, but I disagreed with how children were treated during Covid and the policies put in place. Covid had its challenges, but the least vulnerable age





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group was put through some harmful restrictions for far too long. Remote learning was tough for everybody and really made life stressful for families. I think the ones that really suffered the most were the kids, and I don't think enough effort went into both sides of the mask debate or the social and emotional effects they caused. It was only a one size fits all, unlike the optional mask policy in place now. This was one of the biggest issues that made me decide to run for school committee. I'm part of a large group of community members who feel like we're not being represented by the long term, experienced, committee members. So just as a regular concerned parent, I promise to be a strong voice for the parents, be a strong voice for medical freedom, advocate for curriculum

transparency, listen to both sides of the issues, help ensure that our children have a safe and secure school, support the teachers, treat everybody equally and be a new, fresh voice. Thank you and I would really appreciate your vote on May 25th.

Sharon Hartley – Rochester School Committee

On May 25th, Rochester citizens will decide who serves on the RMS School Committee and what direction we will take. I urge you to compare the candidates running for school committee. Why are they running and what experience do they have? Have they attended a town meeting or a school committee meeting? Have they served on a town board or volunteered in town? Have they worked with others to make essential and difficult decisions? Do they have *any* experience as an educational leader? I am an experienced and knowledgeable school leader. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Educational Administration. I've served as an elementary school teacher, an elementary school principal, the Associate Director of a Teacher Center providing support for teachers and school leaders and as a school improvement consultant traveling across the United States assisting and guiding schools toward educational improvement. Most importantly, I care about all our students, our school and our town. I am proud to have represented our School Committee in many roles throughout the years. Perhaps the most significant was serving as the School Committee's representative on Rochester's School Building Renovation and Expansion Project that resulted in the most recent addition to RMS. For this effort, I was honored as Rochester Woman of the Year in 2009 by the New Bedford Standard-Times. Now, more than ever, elected officials need to aspire to higher standards and be able listen to others, and work together to find solutions to important issues that affect our schools. I am running to ensure that education in Rochester continues to be characterized by excellence, by caring classrooms, by dedicated teachers and staff. I'm running because I believe in service and I believe that I have a responsibility to give back to our town and our citizens. I have a proven record of service and leadership. I have the experience, integrity and compassion to make a difference. Help me keep our school moving forward. Re-elect me to serve on the Rochester School Committee!





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James O'Brien - Rochester School Committee

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Town Set to Tackle CWMP

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The first informational meeting to dig into Marion's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) will be held on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 pm, at

the Music Hall.

Kent Nichols Jr. of Weston & Sampson, Inc. gave the Marion Select Board a preview of what is to come during Tuesday night's Select Board meeting. The 20-year plan for wastewater management in Marion was outlined with a PowerPoint presentation with assistance from Laurie Toscano of Weston & Sampson via Zoom.

Nichols said he will dig into more detail on Monday but summarized: Goals & Drivers, Process & Structure, Marion's wastewater system and needs and alternatives, all geared to developing a recommended plan.

Items that will be addressed include: pump station projects already underway such as Creek Road, permitting and regulatory items, treatment capacity and chemical removals.

Sewer Expansion needs will be part of the study with evaluations of septic on large developments around town. Nichols said the systems would be ranked with an eye on a decision as to their value going forward.

He identified 11 needs areas with alternatives favored by the Select Board and two basic questions facing the town: How much cost can each property absorb and would the town rather stay local or go regional with sewer?

"I think you've done a great job, Kent, and Weston & Sampson has done a great job," said Parker.

Nichols asked the board what other questions



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Jay McGrail used his Town Administrator's Report to acknowledge the townspeople's support of a new Department of Public Works operations center via both Town Meeting (May 9) and ballot-question votes (May 13.) He thanked all those who helped get the word out, noting a 76 approval in town.

In discussing next steps, McGrail said the fine-tuning of the design and structure presents two options: a full-scale design put out to bid or a modular procurement. He said the state has a model for municipalities to use.

"Ultimately, we need to put together a small building committee," said McGrail, who said a skeleton version essentially exists between himself, DPW Director Nathaniel Munafo and Becky Tilden, also of the DPW. McGrail suggested adding a Select Board member and a couple of residents whose advice leading up to Town Meeting he considered beneficial, especially as the town looks to build in the Water Supply Protection District. "I think a citizens' committee ... is a great idea," said Parker. McGrail will make recommendations.

The state requires that Marion hire an overall project manager, and while McGrail said Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier is capable of overseeing either the DPW or the Marine Center construction, it is too much to ask him to handle both projects.

The town recently submitted a \$1,000,000 grant application to the state's Seaport Economic Council with another for the same amount scheduled for the fall. In the next few months, the harbormaster's headquarters project will go before the Conservation Commission. Its design and permitting money is covered by the \$300,000 that the SEC previously awarded.

Over the next couple of months, the board will begin to process McGrail's FY23 Goals, including the elimination of those accomplished, sharing of feedback and new goals added on.

The board voted to approve Chief of Police Richard Nighelli's recommendation of Tyler Paquette for full-time appointment to the Marion Police force for a one-year probationary period. Paquette has been working for the Fall River Police.

A Mental Health Awareness Walk is being organized by Old Rochester Regional High School students on Saturday, June 11, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The board voted to approve a sewer connection for the Silvershell Inn with special conditions. A water/sewer abatement request of \$3,849.95 at 62 Water Street was approved. Water/Sewer commitments were approved for \$221.30 (final readings on May 3) and \$155 (sewer reconnection on May 5.)

At the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, the board reorganized, and newly elected Select Board member Carleton "Toby" Burr made his first motion as a member,

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nominating Parker as chairman, Norm Hills as vice-chair and himself as clerk. The vote was unanimous, and Parker took over the meeting opened by Hills. The night before the Select Board meeting, Hills was voted in as new chairman of the Planning Board.

John Waterman, whose vacated Select Board seat was won by Burr in the May 13 Town Election, attended one more Select Board meeting, a special meeting called for May 12 to address water and sewer rates.

Finance Director Judy Mooney told the board that residents are looking at a 1 percent base increase in their water bills for FY23 and that a 1 percent increase will be added to the third and fourth pricing tiers. The loss of Lockheed Martin, she said, will make an impact in



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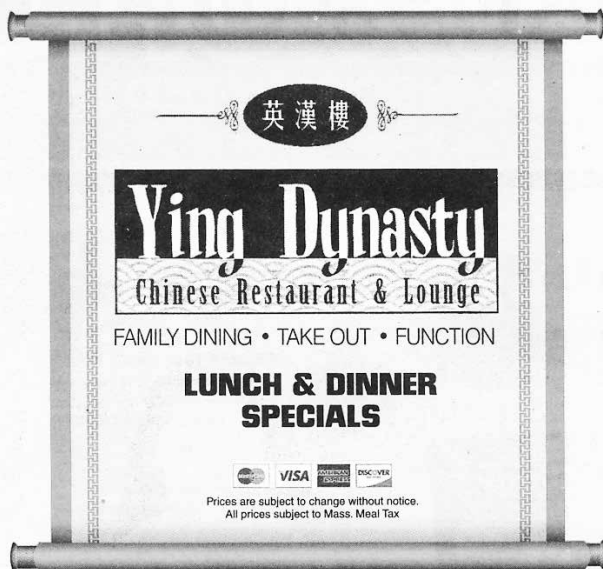
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Memorial Day Remembrances will be held on Monday, May 30, at 9:00 am beginning at the Music Hall with a procession up Front Street to Old Landing. Jack McLane, Marine veteran and author of "A Marine Story," will be the guest speaker.

The summer schedule for the Select Board will include regular June meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Music Hall, followed by July

12 and August 16 meetings at the Marion Police station.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 pm at the Music Hall.

Energy Aggregate Caught in a Stall

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board got some bad news Monday night regarding the energy-bill-lowering Energy Aggregate Plan created at the approval of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. The town's energy consultant, John O'Rourke, told the board that three years after that vote the state has yet to fully approve the town's money-saving plan.

If approved, the town would be able to negotiate a less expensive per kilowatt rate for electricity than Eversource offers most utility customers. Town residents would automatically be billed under that yet-to-determined lower rate; they would have to opt out to not share that rate.

The town's Energy Aggregate Program Plan received Department of Public Utilities approval in December of 2021, O'Rourke said, but the town has not been awarded approval of its next step, its "compliance filing" that was sent to the DPU in January 2022.

The DPU, in fact, has not endorsed the compliance plans of several towns, let alone Rochester,

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O'Rourke said. "So it's a big delay from the department," he said.

O'Rourke noted that the steps remaining after this approval will include soliciting and reviewing public outreach and education efforts before finalizing the actual Electrical Supply Agreement. He speculated that national trends in energy policy may be to blame for the delay. In a later interview, however, he declined to elaborate.

Select Board member Woody Hartley asked O'Rourke if speaking to the town's state representatives and senators would help move things along. Hartley said he expected a result sooner than this. "Now it looks like we're not getting it done by summer like I hoped," he said.

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O'Rourke declined to advise further action, saying he is simply their consultant on the project itself. This led to Hartley to propose action anyway. He motioned that the town contact state house representatives to advance the issue, and the board agreed.

Under good news, the board signed a two-year extension of the Emergency Dispatch Inter-municipal Agreement the town has had with the Duxbury-headquartered Regional Old Colony Communications Center (ROCC) since 2018.

For the past four years, the Duxbury center has handled all the 911 calls and Police, Fire and EMS dispatching for the Town of Rochester, as well as the region's other members, Duxbury, Plympton and Halifax.

Expressing no complaints with the system that closed down the town's dispatching department in 2018, the board swiftly agreed to extend the agreement after receiving mostly good news about the center's future.

Center director Michael Mahoney reported that several more towns are expressing interest in joining the regional dispatching center. "Some are just 'kicking the tires' to decide whether to join us or actively interested in joining us," he said.

Fairhaven and Pembroke are among those interested in joining, Mahoney said. He also noted plans are in place to upgrade the technology the center uses to connect its member towns with fiber-optic cable. By then the regional dispatching center may have enough

members to make it a contiguous, centralized, dispatching region. He said there are also plans to establish a regional enterprise fund that pays all expenses from its own revenues.

In other action, the board agreed to allow the old Council on Aging Senior Center shed to be used for firefighting practice by the town Fire Department. Town Administrator Glen Cannon noted this shed has already been replaced by a new structure and would have been torn down anyway.

The board approved an Arbor Day ceremony at the Senior Center on Friday, May 20, at 5:30 pm. Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge has planted nine new trees there, and that is where the event will take place.

The board also reminded residents the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, at 7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School. The Town Election will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, May 25, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Split Rock Lane to be Repaired

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

On May 16, the Mattapoisett Planning Board took up the matter of roadway conditions at Split Rock Lane inside the Preserve at Bay Club property.

During the April 5 meeting of the board, members heard from residents of the development that the roadway was deteriorating. Hugh Rowlett of 32 Split Rock Lane said he was speaking not only for himself but for 21 other homeowners living in the Preserve at the Bay Club neighborhood of Split Rock Lane and expressing deep concerns about roadway conditions.

At that earlier meeting, Rowlett provided photographic evidence of the current condition of Split Rock Lane and asked that the Planning Board intercede on behalf of the homeowners before a topcoat is applied. He asked that specific requests be made of the developer such as a redesign of the road, a survey of the road, addressing the peer-review consultant's (Ken Motta of Field Engineering) comments and an engineer's report to the Planning Board once repairs have been made.



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"We are counting on you guys ... homeowners need Town Hall to look out for them," Rowlett stated at the April 5 meeting.

Nina Huber and several other residents of the development shared similar concerns, while applauding Rowlett's efforts to get the neighborhood some help.

Representing developer Christos Kuliopulos on May 16 was Jeff Youngquist of Outback Engineering. Youngquist said that in December of 2019, a base coat had been applied. A review conducted by Motta took place last summer at which time Youngquist said, "Some things were found." He now said that some "structures" were too high and others too low but would be repaired soon. He also noted that homeowners had added to the end of their driveways but that those structures would have to be removed.

Youngquist reported that the roadway coating has not broken down since being laid in 2019 and that when repairs are done a crown will be added to the overall design.

On that point, outgoing member Janice Robbins said, "Things have to be remedied before the topcoat is done. We need written specs and confirmation from Ken Motta." Youngquist assured the board that specifications would be drawn up.

Kuliopulos said that the delay in completing the road came at the request of the Bay Club but that the base was good, although it needs some "tweaking." In the end, Kuliopulos agreed to pay Field Engineering for Motta's time in reviewing the specification and updated plan of record. He also said there was a \$125,000 cash surety in play.

The board members also discussed setting up a solar bylaw subcommittee. Robbins said it should be a by-invitation-only committee consisting of representatives from the Fire and Police departments, Conservation Committee, Assessor's Office and the Planning Board.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 6, at 7:00 pm.

Plumb Corner Drainage Pipe Approved

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission Tuesday night allowed the Village at Plumb Corner senior housing development to make a slight change in its stormwater drainage design after a debate over whether the move would require a more complicated amended Notice of Intent and a new hearing cycle.

The original plan was to clean out a drainage pipe there that empties into a vernal pool and cut the pipe back or replace it. Tuesday night, Repurpose Properties representative Brian Wallace proposed changing that plan to merely thoroughly cleaning the sediment from the pipe and placing riprap at the end of the pipe to catch the outflow.

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"We would leave the pipe as it is," Wallace said. "Clean out the nine inches of sediment instead. More stormwater will come through the pipe. The only difference is the water will get where it's going faster."

Commissioner Maggie Payne, attending the meeting on Zoom, wondered aloud if the new plan would require an amended Order of Conditions. "I'd like to see a description of what we're agreeing to," she said. "This pipe does put stormwater in wetlands."

Commissioner Ben Bailey seemed concerned as well, asking whether the same area of the development is being drained in both design models.

Wallace said, yes, it was the same in both designs. He resisted the notion of needing an amended NOI. He emphasized that he hoped it could be considered only a minor change. He said he would be willing to submit a sketch of the new design as an approval requirement.

The commission averted resorting to a more time-consuming approval process by endorsing the new plan as a "minor field change" with the approval dependent on Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly receiving and endorsing a sketch of the redesign.

In other action, the commission revealed that a 6-acre parcel of land at 529 Snipatuit Road is being taken out of its 61A agricultural land designation due to a plan to build a solar farm there. The commission voted to recommend to the Select Board that the town not exercise its right to acquire the land itself.

The Rochester Conservation Commission scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00 pm, at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

Schools Troubled by Consolidation Timeline

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Mick Colageo

The UMass Boston Collins Center for Public Management sent representative Heather Michaud to present an introduction of the center's facilities study to Monday night's public meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee.

A recent downward trend in student enrollment in the Tri-Towns, coupled together with Mattapoisett's budgetary challenges, has sparked interest among town officials in potential school-building consolidation.



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Funded by a grant opportunity, the Collins Center was contracted by the town to evaluate Mattapoisett's Town Hall and two elementary schools against enrollment trajectory and many other considerations and deliver recommendations.

What the School Committee didn't count on learning Monday night is that the two-pronged study was enacted on the town side a full year before the schools side was brought into the picture.

"The timeline seems a little late, school's almost over," said retiring School Committee member Carole Clifford, who was attending her final meeting. "The final report is coming up soon, but you haven't had much of a site visit yet and you said there would be several. ... They



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may be rushing it."

Clifford asked if the timeline laid out by Michaud could be stretched out, and School Committee Vice-Chairperson Carly Lavin buttressed the concern, calling surveys targeting families in summer mode as "ill-advised." Lavin suggested waiting until the fall. "I just think your participation will be better," she said.

"We agreed the timeline is aggressive. The Select Board is concerned. I myself was concerned," said Michaud. "I certainly have never seen an overnight consolidation. ... wouldn't be best practice ... you're looking at a long-range plan."

Michaud explained that four Collins Center employees would serve on the team evaluating Mattapoisett: herself, along with colleague Mike Edwards, a building expert and a former school business administrator. "He needs to look at it from the town side and I'll be looking at the schools," said Michaud.

Another person, she said, will offer an objective perspective, and a former superintendent of schools (Ann Wilson, assuming her availability) will assist with public engagement. Two are full-time UMass Boston employees and two part time.

Anticipating the request from the committee, Chairman Jim Muse told the members he had already requested the documentation of the grant application filed by the town.

"We absolutely should see what the genesis of this whole process is. We seem to be in the middle of it," he said.

Lavin and Tiffini Reedy agreed it would have been helpful for the Collins Center to be more fully represented. "This isn't just about the school but the town and the town hall. Taxpayers are ultimately going to be funding this project," said Reedy.

Muse agreed with the committee members.

"There is a lot going on, and the school wasn't given even a whisper," he said. "It would have been better to start this process together, and I know you can't help."

In questioning as to prior relationships between town officials and any participants on the UMass Boston end, Muse said, "It seems like this just kind of happened. We were not in the know at all and only began to be in the know when you met with Mr. (Mike) Nelson (Old Rochester Regional superintendent of schools.) Something that is really, really, really very important and is something that is really, really, really rushed."

Lavin reiterated that the public forum on school consolidation should, like the survey planned for the summer, be held when school is in session to ensure proper opportunity for feedback.

Muse concluded the segment and thanked Michaud for the time and thoughtfulness she put into her responses.

Muse was less diplomatic in his Chairperson's Report in which he called the May 9 Town Meeting "an absolute circus."

In reporting that the Mattapoisett school budget carried at Town Meeting, Muse expressed extreme surprise and extreme disappointment at what he termed an improper departure from the agenda for the sake of an attack from the floor on the school administration and committee.

"It was nothing short of disgraceful, it was orchestrated, it was planned," he said.

Muse said hundreds of hours go into developing documentation of the data and processes involved with school budgeting. "They're agonized over," he said, referencing an annual effort "done thoroughly and presented thoroughly."

Muse insists that the financial information that Mattapoisett Finance Committee Chairperson Pat Donoghue and Town Administrator Mike Lorencio recently asserted was not readily available, in fact, was at their request.

"The very worst thing ... that night we had a fantastic opportunity to recognize a person who is the premier public servant ... instead ... she was vilified," Muse said of retiring Mattapoisett Schools' Principal Rose Bowman.

Muse also said that the prior town manager was "vilified improperly and erroneously."

He concluded his remarks by saying, "We have children that need us. ... I hope that we can work together, and I hope they will work in an honest fashion to do the

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Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said he is confident in the budget. "Mattapoisett elementary schools consistently make the most of the resources afforded them," said Nelson.

After a public hearing was held on School Choice, the committee voted to keep Mattapoisett a School Choice district but capping the number of enrollment slots at 12 for the 2022-23 school year. Nine of those slots are presently occupied, including two in Kindergarten, two in Grade 1, three in Grade 2 and two in Grade 3.

In answer to a question from Mike Rosa, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Howie Barber explained that the occupation of out-of-town students in School Choice slots saves the town money because the state funds \$5,000 for each student in the program. According to Muse, the school is already incurring a \$19,000 annual cost for the seat.

In other votes, the committee approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Mattapoisett Educators Association for next three school years. Select Board member Tyler Macallister, who attended the meeting via Zoom, was not present when the vote was taken, but Muse said the committee had a quorum so the tally was 5-0 in favor with one non-vote.

The School Committee also approved meeting dates for the 2022-23 school year as September 12, November 14, January 9, February 27, March 20, April 3, May 15 and June 12. Lavin said she thinks there is too much work for two meetings before the new year and accepted Nelson's suggestion that she request an October meeting at the September meeting.

Two finalists have been selected to replace Bowman for the 2022-23 school year: Dr. Linda Ashley, who is presently working for Franklin Public Schools, and Dr. Christie Harvey-Cutone, presently with Wayland Public Schools.

Director of Student Services Craig Davidson reported that the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is helping the ORR School District expand summer programming with \$50,000 grants to all three of the Tri-Towns and one for the district

at large.

In her Principal's Report, Bowman highlighted several upcoming events, including MCAS testing, Kindergarten screening, buy-one, get-one book fairs, a day with artist Bren Bataclan on June 2, picnic lunches on June 7, field days on June 3 (Center School) and June 17 (Old Hammondtown), a musical program on June 21 at Center School and June 8 or June 15 at Old Hammondtown and Flag Day June 14 at Center School with both schools and the band on hand.

Old Hammondtown fifth-grade student Paige Mailloux, whose Arbor Day poster won top prize, entered the state contest in Newburyport and finished.

In Open Comment, resident Bodil Perkins, whose comments during the School Choice public hearing were unheard due to technical difficulties, suggested a more detailed financial breakdown of why School Choice is considered an overall win for the local school district. She also asked what happens if a School Choice student needs an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) and how that is financially covered.

Mike Rosa asked if the public will be invited back to school committee meetings in person and, if not, why not.

Muse reminded the participants that Open Comment is not a question-and-answer session but an opportunity for comment. He invited questions to be directed to the ORR Central Office.

The next meeting of Mattapoisett School Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 13, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 23. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 pm.

ORR's Wright Scores 200th Goal

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls' lacrosse team is 12-1 in the 2022 season, and a major driving force for the team has been senior Maddie Wright. Last week, she led the Lady Bulldogs to three big wins and in the process, found herself joining the 200-goal club.

After a 9-8 win at New Bedford on May 10, Old Rochester returned home the next day for its matchup with Seekonk. The Bulldogs dominated on their home field with a final score of 18-6. Wright was their biggest weapon, scoring seven goals on her way to surpassing 200 career goals. Meanwhile, Sydnee Pires contributed three points while Caroline Brogioli scored two.

Wright built off the momentum on May 13, putting on an even more impressive performance in ORR's 20-10 win over Apponequet in Lakeville. She accounted for almost half of the Bulldogs' goals, hitting the back of the net nine times. Also impressing against Apponequet was Kelly Quinlan, who scored eight goals. Old Rochester hosted Bourne on Wednesday and will visit Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, May 20.

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Boys Lacrosse

ORR's boys' lacrosse team continued its undefeated streak last week with two conference wins. On May 11, the Bulldogs picked up a 12-2 win over Seekonk, before defeating Apponequet, 14-13, in overtime on Friday the 13. The Bulldogs hosted Dartmouth on Tuesday, visited Bourne on Wednesday and will host Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, May 20.

Baseball

The Bulldogs started last week strong, picking up a 5-3 win at home against Dennis-Yarmouth. Following the win, however, they went on a two-game skid, losing 6-5 against Carver on May 11 before losing 5-3 against Dighton-Rehoboth on May 13. On Monday, the Bulldogs got back on track with a 12-7 win against Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. The Bulldogs will visit Somerset Berkley on Friday, May 20.

Tennis

Both Old Rochester tennis teams defeated Somerset Berkley by 4-1 scores on May 12. They faced Apponequet on Tuesday and will take on Fairhaven on Thursday, May 19, with the boys having home-court advantage.

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To the Editor;

I would like to thank all the Marion residents who trusted me with their votes, and I can only wish there had been a few more of them. Best of luck to Toby in his new role.

I particularly thank the many friends who invited their friends and neighbors to meet me and discuss the issues facing Marion. My sons, Jed and Scott, were tireless in their efforts to get a polished look to my signs and website.

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Dick Morgado shared a photo of this large catamaran that just arrived in Mattapoisett. The owners are from France, sailing around the world and stopped here because it was too windy to go through the canal.

Toby's strong campaign pushed me out of my comfort zone into going door-to-door to meet voters. That effort let me meet a wonderful group of people, all of whom were gracious and forthcoming with their ideas for making Marion a better place to live.

I expect to stay active in town affairs and will continue to work to make Marion an even better place to live.

Warmest regards,

Ed

Edward P Hoffer MD

To the Editor:

Nearly lost in the hubbub at Mattapoisett's Annual Town Meeting on May 9th was the excellent report provided by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). That report, printed on yellow paper, details CPC awards totaling \$2.356 million from 2009 through 2021. We calculate that \$0.707 million of these awards have been spent on open space, or about 30% of total awards. This is appropriate, since open space is one of three categories (along with housing and historic preservation) that require an allocation of CPC funds each year.

We further calculate that \$0.536 million of these open space awards have been to the Town itself, to protect land overlying municipal drinking water wells in the Mattapoisett River valley. Surely it is prudent to protect the source of drinking water used by four towns, rather than to spend more money later to purify ground water from the inevitable contamination caused by housing development near wells (e.g. lawn chemicals, driveway runoff, septic discharge). Organizations like Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) and Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) have received only \$171,000 in CPC funds over this 12- year period to acquire conservation lands to protect wildlife habitats, scenic views and enhance public outdoor recreation. Funds awarded to MLT and BBC account for only 24% of all open space funds awarded and 7% of total awards. We note that both MLT and BBC are able to leverage Town funds received many times over with much larger state and federal land conservation grants, and with private donations. In short, we believe past CPC awards for open space have been prudent and effective investments to improve the Town, and should continue.

OBITUARIES



Michael W. DiCroce, 73, of Rochester, died May 9, 2022 at Tobey Hospital, Wareham. He was the husband of Linda E. (Tousignant) DiCroce. They were married for 51 years. He was the son of the late William and Shirley (Stubbs) DiCroce.

He was born in Brockton and live in Rochester for 18 years. He graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School and attended Curry College.

Mr. DiCroce worked as an assistant store manager for Victory Grocery Store in Kingston for many years before retiring in 2004.

He enjoyed gardening, trains, Civil War and Revolutionary War history, talk radio and he was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. He loved his family especially his grandchildren. He was a faithful man.

Survivors include his wife, Linda E. (Tousignant) DiCroce of Rochester; a daughter, Marianne Martinkus and her

husband Roger of Hanscom Air Force Base; a son, Michael W. DiCroce, Jr. of Rochester; a brother, William DiCroce of Falmouth; a sister, Anne D'Urso of Chatham; his grandchildren, Lucia, Lukas and Victoria Martinkus; several nephews.

Visiting hours were held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

His funeral was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 from the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose of Lima, 282 Vaughan Hill Rd, Rochester. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Middleboro.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Citizens sometimes express concern that conservation lands don't pay property taxes, and are limiting residential development. We disagree for several reasons. First, nearly half of all conservation lands in Mattapoissett are owned by the state (Haskell Swamp and Nasketucket Bay) and the state makes payments to the Town in lieu of taxes. Municipal and MLT/BBC lands do not pay taxes, but return value to taxpayers in the form of drinking water protection, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and public recreation outdoors. Second, a large part of conservation lands are wetlands, salt marshes, and priority wildlife habitat areas that are not suitable for development. Third, the steady rate of new home construction throughout town suggests that land is still available to meet market demands for housing. Open space conservation and new residential development are compatible in Mattapoissett.

We support Mattapoissett's strong fiscal management approach that has resulted in our AAA bond rating, carefully reviewed budgets, development of new revenue sources and judicious use of debt. There is no silver bullet to ease the financial strains on the town. Protection of open space will continue to be an important factor in keeping Mattapoissett Special, and is not in conflict with prudent financial management of the Town.
Gary P. Johnson
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Academic Achievements

Collin Fitzpatrick of Marion, majoring in Economics, was awarded a Certificate in Finance & Banking from College of the Holy Cross' Carlyse and Arthur A. Ciocca '59 Center for Business, Ethics and Society.

ORRHS Community Service Learning Club Clothing Drive

On Friday **May 20**, from 7:00 am to 8:30 am, members of the community are welcome to drive up and drop off gently-used teenager-sized clothing and books for all ages. We will be in the parking lot in the front of

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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Recovery Recreation TV
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Classroom Chronicle: Sports Edition
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Charlie Bradley
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Skip Finley - Whaling Captains
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday May 20, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Housing Rights with MA Attorney General's Office
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
7:00 PM Marion COA USSR Lecture
8:30 PM In the Toy Box
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 21, 2022

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis
3:30 PM Inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Skip Finley - Whaling Captains
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Let's Talk Business
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday May 22, 2022

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joan Thatcher Tiffany
2:30 PM ORR Softball vs Seekonk
4:00 PM Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Fairhaven
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday May 23, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM White House Chronicle
11:00 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - SouthCoast Spring Arts
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV

6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 24, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Little Bee, Big Word
4:00 PM Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Building the Future
5:00 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
5:30 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Money After Military - Finding a Job
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 25, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church

12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Wellness Wednesdays
2:30 PM Tax Assistance with VITA Program
3:05 PM Mattapoisett Police Chief Swear-In Ceremony
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
5:00 PM Let's Talk Business
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
11:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
2:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
3:00 PM Marion Town Meeting
7:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
8:00 PM Marion Board of Health
8:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
9:30 PM Marion School Committee
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board

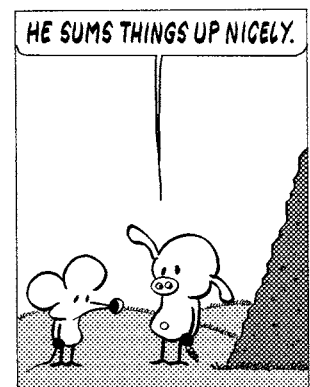
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:00 PM Rochester Candidates Night
5:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Presentation
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 PM Rochester Candidates Night

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 97 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORRHS Guppy Tank
8:00 AM OCTV STEM Day 2019
8:30 AM ORR Hall of Fame 2018
10:00 AM Old Hammondtown School - Seahorse Coral
10:30 AM ORR FORM Brunch 2019
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony National Honor Society
1:00 PM Old Colony Mr. Cougar 2022
2:30 PM Old Hammondtown School - Seahorse Coral
3:00 PM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory Day
3:30 PM ORRHS Promenade 2021
3:50 PM Old Hammondtown School - Seahorse Coral
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs. Cardinal Spellman
5:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
5:30 PM ORR Softball vs Seekonk
7:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs. Fairhaven
8:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs. Seekonk
10:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Dennis-Yarmouth
11:30 PM ORR Girls Softball vs Seekonk

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



the school to collect the items. We will also have a bin for drop-off near the front door during school hours, from May 16 - May 20. The clothes and books will be donated to Gifts to Give in Acushnet and shared with others in our community.
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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

People driving by Plumb Corner these days may have the same reaction that they had when the shopping area was being built and that would be a comment about how Rochester was changing. While change is real and often inevitable, there is a nearby spot at the intersection of Marion Road. and Mary's Pond Road. that has an almost timeless quality.

It was the construction of the first meeting house near this spot in 1699 that led to the development of several local roadways. With the meeting house and the roads, this became the town center for Old Rochester in the 1700's and remains the center of Rochester in the 2020's. The meeting house is commemorated by a large boulder with a wide base and a narrow top and the brass tablet set into the stone reads, "Near this spot the town of Rochester built its first Meeting House in 1699. Here was organized the First Church of Rochester in 1703."



Changes happened even then. There were a total of four meeting houses on or near the common over the years. The commemorative stone sits near the first one and on the actual spot of the second one built in 1717 when more room was needed.

In front of the stone are two items reminiscent

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



New Bedford Ballet brings drama and magic to the Zeiterion Theatre stage with its performance of *Swan Lake* on Saturday, June 11, at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Set to music by Tchaikovsky and the choreography of artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, along with ballet instructors Eugenia Zinovieva, Katherine Bickford, Emily Lovdahl and Pamela Mateus, dancers of all ages will enchant the audience in this interpretation of the iconic ballet where love overcomes evil. Included in the cast are: (standing) Anna Murray (Marion), Madeleine Hunt (Mattapoisett); (kneeling) Summer Richardson (Mattapoisett), Sabrina Cunningham (Mattapoisett.)



It's been a year since Tri-Town Against Racism's first Little Free Diverse Library was installed at Ned's Point in Mattapoisett, and on May 12 TTAR members along with supporters gathered again to celebrate, this time the reopening of the little library that in November 2021 had been vandalized, destroying both the structure and the books it held. That senseless act only fostered a stronger sense of purpose and community unity. TTAR founding members were on hand to thank the Town of Mattapoisett for donating the space and the materials for both libraries. Alison Noyce of TTAR thanked Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo and Craig Collyer for reconstructing the library. "We thought it was worth having a rededication of the library," Noyce said. "It was a day just like this a year ago." She said the destruction had been purposeful and intended to inflict pain but that the Town of Mattapoisett responded immediately, repairing and returning the library to its mission - bringing people together. "We certainly appreciate the kind gesture and thank the community for their support," said Lorenzo, who reasserted that the library stands for inclusion. Photos by Marilou Newell



The Marion Natural History Museum wishes to thank Climate Reality Leader Laura Gardner for her informative program, what we can do to help prevent as much climate change issues as possible. Laura spoke about the local businesses and organizations which have committed to going to 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030, including one local municipality. If you'd like to speak to someone about how to become 100 percent renewable, please email climaterealitysouthcoast@gmail.com. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

of Rochester's past when traveling involved horses rather than cars. The granite watering trough is 3 feet in length. Extending over this trough is a 2 and 1/2 tall wrought iron pump that sits on a wooden plank. When an archeological survey was done of Rochester's historic areas in 1998, it was said that this pump was one of a few of this type left in Rochester and was similar to one found in Sherman Cemetery.

However, the 1998 pump while an antique had only been there 13 yrs. when the survey was done. In 1985, it was discovered that the historic pump had been stolen from its spot. The pump was an antique (no one knew how old it was) whose value was mostly sentimental and what happened to it still remains a mystery. Town residents were quick to offer replacement pumps. The selectmen vowed to set the chosen pump in concrete.

Along with the trough and pump is an arched top highway sign. It, too, has been there as long as anyone can remember. At one time, it also seemed to have disappeared, but it had only been taken down to be refurbished and was safely returned to its spot.

Living with White Sharks

The Marion Natural History Museum presents *Living with White Sharks* with Department of Marine Fisheries biologist Greg Skomal, Friday **May 20**, 7-8 pm at the Marion Music Hall – 164 Front Street, Marion.

White sharks have been returning to the Gulf of Maine in greater numbers in response to the regional recovery of seal populations. For more than a decade, the MA Division of Marine Fisheries and collaborators have been studying the ecology, behavior, and natural history of white sharks off the east coast of the U.S. Using state-of-the-art tagging technology, the focus of their current research has been to gain a better understanding of where, when and how white sharks hunt their prey. This presentation will highlight this research as we attempt to develop a science-based strategy for mitigating potential shark and human conflicts. Suggested museum donation: \$8.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers. To register please go to www.marionmuseum.org



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MOVIE REVIEW

Death Metal

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Northman*.** Starring Alexander Skarsgård and Nicole Kidman. Directed by Robert Eggers. Running time: 136 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now available for streaming rental.

Twentieth-century softies like me may experience a film like Robert Eggers' *The Northman* as a contemptuous but invigorating slap to the face. Life was hard in AD 895, and every frame of the movie is there to show it, in all its magic-hour, snow-flecked beauty and all its torn-flesh, bloody-mud-puddle ugliness. Like Eggers' two previous films — *The Witch* and *The Lighthouse*, both of which I adore — *The Northman* devotes itself to recreating a time long past, along with its moods, attitudes and details of day-to-day life. It would be easy indeed to parody *The Northman*, with all its shrieking madmen and howling to the black sky and chanting in the Old Languages. But Eggers offers up this material so earnestly, and with such carefully crafted art, that to lampoon it would feel callow and vile.

I'm about 75% on board for the film — it runs a bit long, and we start to feel it with about half an hour left to go — but I'm glad it was made, and I hope its poor showing at the box office won't put Eggers in movie jail. This is the sort of expensive, excessive fantasia that sniffs around in deeper, darker nooks of cinema largely forgotten about and lifts the art form. *The Northman* is loud, with a brooding score and metal clashing against metal, but it has more in common with silent film than with anything else around. Based on the legend of Amleth (which in turn spawned *Hamlet*), it seems to want to take us back to the beginning of drama, or at least the birth of many tropes. It tells the most elemental of stories, the one about the son avenging his father, and grafts a lot of pagan strangeness and gore onto it.

Amleth (Alexander Skarsgård) is out to get his stinky uncle Fjölfnir (Claes Bang), who murdered Amleth's father, King Aurvandill War-Raven (Ethan Hawke), and married his mother, Queen Gudrún (Nicole Kidman). For years, Amleth grunts and growls and readies himself for the moment when he realizes his oath: "I will avenge you, father. I will save you, mother. I will kill you, Fjölfnir." Amleth's entire life becomes about that, after which, he guesses, he'll just kill himself or something, because his life will no longer have purpose. Amleth does pursue a



brief interest in the young sorceress Olga (Anya Taylor-Joy), who proposes another level of purpose to Amleth's life. But mainly his fate seems to be mired in rage and pain and blood. It may take a little bit before a viewer recognizes that Amleth as presented here isn't really the hero, just the protagonist.

The images appear to be charged by the post-human energies of spirits and fae. The shadows and scents of femininity seem to reduce these crude, brutal men to animals, and the women, dealing with this off-the-scale-toxic masculinity, are in danger of becoming inhuman wretches themselves. Queen Gudrún, for instance, certainly comes across as vindictive and cruel, but to what extent have the culture of 895 and its sickening rules (rape is no big deal, it's part of every king's victory lap) made her that way? There are other men, though, noncombatants, fools, he-witches, who have wiser heads — until they lose them to someone with a hotter head, plus a sword. *The Northman* seems simple, or simplistic, until we start turning it around and peering at it.

The sensibilities we see in the movie are very remote from ours. We could almost be watching aliens. Sometimes the film has a harshly musical Icelandic vibe; Eggers recruits the Icelandic poet Sjórn as his co-scripter here, and puts Björk in majestic electrocuted-penguin garb as a character called the Seeress. As I said, the narrative begins to drag a little, but the compositions and the colors of night and the cast's dedication to exploring long-gone behaviors — all of this is first-rate. *The Northman* might be my least favorite Eggers project, but that means nothing — oh, it's only a B+, or maybe even an A-. Eggers goes big here, and uses paints he hasn't used before. His three films feel alike, in that they could all unfold in the same uncanny, ghost-haunted universe at different times, but they're also very distinct accomplishments. Eggers is still a major reason to stay interested in whatever movies are becoming.



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Upcoming Events at Rochester Historical Society Museum

June brings two events sponsored by the Rochester Historical Society. The first will take place at the cemetery in Rochester Center where a guided tour of the cemetery will be led by two of the Society's members. This will take place at 1:00 on **June 12**. If canceled due to inclement weather, a new date will be posted later. Anyone with questions can contact Connie Eshbach at eshbach2@aol or Sue LaFleur at sash48@comcast.net or call Connie 508-763-4932 or Sue 508-295-8908.

Mattapoisett Recreation

Mattapoisett Recreation is thrilled to offer a new summer program. We will be having a Girls Soccer Clinic -open to Grades 3-8 on **June 27-30** at ORR High School from 9:00-11:00 am. This clinic will be run by Meg Hughes, a Division 1 soccer player at Providence College and Marissa Hughes. Brush up on your soccer skills and improve your footwork and agility. Cost is \$125. Registration deadline is June 20, but sign up early as space is limited. Please email mattrec@mattapoisett.net with any questions.

Alves Riverfront Walk

Join the Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) on Saturday **May 28**, 10:00 am for a guided walk along upper portions of the tidal Mattapoisett River. MLT is working to preserve the 4-acre Alves parcel and open the land for public use and river access. Placing the Alves parcel and other nearby lands in conservation protects important wildlife habitat buffers Mattapoisett from climate change impacts, and opens a beautiful area of meadow, forest and riverbank to public enjoyment. In addition, this parcel and nearby lands include some of the earliest

sites in Mattapoisett settled by Europeans. Come join us and see this special place! The walk will depart from 3 Mattapoisett Neck Road, just south of Route 6. Please park on the west side of Mattapoisett Neck Road across the street. The terrain is gentle, but wear sturdy, mud-proof shoes and dress for the weather.

For more information, please see MLT's website www.mattlandtrust.org or email us at info@mattlandtrust.org.

SHS Speaker Series

The Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series will host Frank McNamee speaking about Marion's Historic Marconi Station at the Marconi Building, 13

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 7-May 14

- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Mental health assist
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Front St – Waterways hazard
- Converse Rd – Parking enforcement
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Rd – Suspicious person
- South St – Officer wanted
- Mill St - Fraud
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Main St – 911 abandoned
- Cove St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Follow up
- South St – B&E/past
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Larceny Rd/past
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Mill St - Disturbance
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – MV stop/arrest
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- South St – Suspicious MV

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 7-May 14

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Meadowbrook Ln – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Follow up
- Spruce Ave – Animal control
- North St – MV violations
- I195 East – Brush fire
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- North St – MV crash
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Church St – MV crash
- Pine Island Rd – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Park St – 911 abandoned
- Ocean View Ave – Medical assist
- Ocean Dr – Ambulance request
- Pearl St – Suspicious MV
- Hammond St – Assist citizen
- North St – Health/welfare
- I195 East – 911 call
- Water St – Open door
- Long Plain Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- County Rd – Property found
- Bethany Ln – Follow up
- Marina Dr – Follow up
- Randall Rd – Health/welfare
- Main St – MV violations
- North St - Complaint

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 7-May 14

- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- Dexter Ln – MV lockout
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Robinson Rd - Fraud
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Jasons Ln – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Erratic MV
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist agency
- Cranberry Hwy - Disturbance
- Walnut Plain Rd – Unattended MV
- Braley Hill Rd - Medical
- North Ave - Medical
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Williams Way – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Road hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd – General services
- Dexter Ln - Harassment
- Walnut Plain Rd – Investigation
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Robinson Rd – MV collision/arrest
- Hathaway Pond Circle – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- High St – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 23: Broccoli & cheese omelet, hash browns, whole wheat roll, orange juice
Tuesday, May 24: Grilled chicken w/lemon dill sauce, confetti rice, beets, honey wheat bread, fresh apple
Wednesday, May 25: Meatloaf w/ rosemary gravy, whipped potato, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, French style cheesecake, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, May 26: Roast pork w/mint gravy, Delmonico potato, spring blend, multigrain bread, applesauce
Friday, May 27: Cheese tortellini w/alfredo sauce, Italian blend, snowflake roll, pears

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 23: Italian appetizer basket, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 24: Homemade Shepard's pie, savory gravy, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 25: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low sodium

sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, May 26: Chicken & broccoli alfredo over pasta, warm breadstick, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Friday, May 27: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 23: Italian appetizer basket, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 24: Homemade Shepard's pie, savory gravy, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 25: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, May 26: Chicken & broccoli alfredo over pasta, warm breadstick, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Friday, May 27: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 23: Italian appetizer basket, savory green beans

Tuesday, May 24: Homemade Shepard's pie, savory gravy, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 25: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, May 26: Chicken & broccoli alfredo over pasta, warm breadstick, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Friday, May 27: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 23: Italian appetizer basket, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 24: Homemade Shepard's pie, savory gravy, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 25: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, May 26: Goopy grilled cheese w/tomato soup, whole grain saltines crackers, chilled cucumber coins
Friday, May 27: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 23: Italian appetizer basket, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 24: Homemade Shepard's pie, savory gravy, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 25: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, May 26: Chicken & broccoli alfredo over pasta, warm breadstick, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Friday, May 27: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 23: Taco, salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice
Tuesday, May 24: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, May 25: Chicken parmesan & spaghetti
Thursday, May 26: Hot dog & fries
Friday, May 27: Assorted pizza



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19** at 6:30 pm to
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Mattapoisett Museum Upcoming Events

May 20, 6 pm - Open Mic Night Southcoast Lessons brings you our regular third Friday, all ages, all abilities, all genres, open mic. Free

May 24, 6:30 pm - Notable Women of Mattapoisett presented by Jen McIntire and Carole



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6 Kept from falling, as pants
13 Abashed
20 Showed on TV again
21 Not varying at all
22 In a weepy way
23 Start of a riddle
25 Language spoken in Dhaka
26 Is in a chair
27 College, to a Brit
28 Long to undo
30 Augur's sign
31 Riddle, part 2
39 Home for mil. jets
40 Roman love god
41 Singer James or Jones
42 Bad guys
46 Explosive compounds
48 Hercule creator
53 From time immemorial
54 Riddle, part 3
56 Talk big

- 57 Mr. Capote, to friends
58 Partner of neither
59 Liquid asset
60 Riddle, part 4
66 Reciprocal
69 Army chaplain
70 The Great Lakes' — Canals
71 Libreville's country
72 Everglades mammal
75 Riddle, part 5
80 Big name in PCs
81 Letter two before tau
83 "— Kapital"
84 Roof part
85 Riddle, part 6
91 Become rigid
93 Key in again
94 Thin and watery
95 Back fish fins
96 "QED" center
98 Formerly, old-style
99 Mendes of "2 Fast 2 Furious"
100 End of the riddle
109 Kazan of Hollywood

- 110 Singer Ritter
111 Feel fluid, perhaps
112 French pals
114 Excessive bureaucracy
117 Riddle's answer
123 Offspring-producing animal
124 Part of ROTC
125 Rule from the throne
126 Cheech and Chong personas
127 Electrical current units
128 Archipelago parts

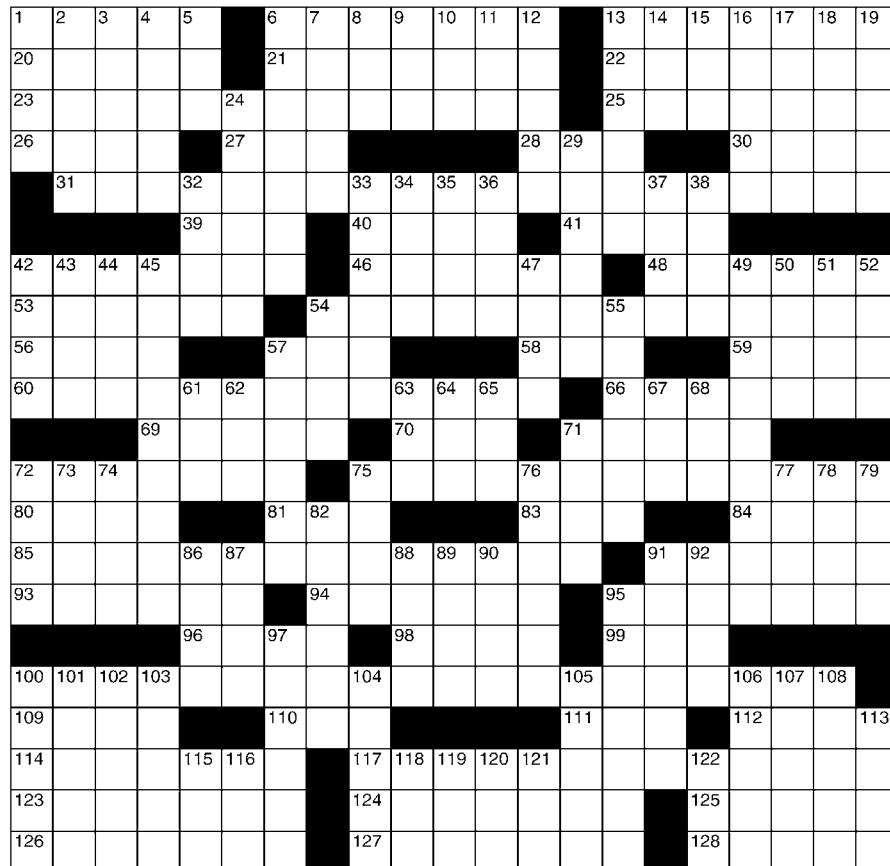
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- 1 Eye opener?
2 Shocking EMT treatment
3 Give a speech
4 Expire
5 Lead-in to Cone or Cat
6 Rubs elbows
7 Flying
8 Mattel doll
9 Expire
10 "The Simpsons" shout

- 11 Old stage star Hagen
12 Martinez of baseball
13 Ideally
14 Realize
15 Sci-fi's Solo
16 Class jargon
17 Where the Marlins play
18 Burstyn or Barkin of film
19 Running out of steam
24 Blew with short blasts
29 World Heritage Site gp.
32 Manicurist's target
33 Brave in the face of adversity
34 Give off
35 "The lady — protest ..."
36 Canadian tribe
37 —TASS (news agency)
38 Very wise
42 Seizes
43 Site of the Taj Mahal
44 Scorch
45 Frat shindig
47 Rajah's wife

- 49 Mountain climbers, e.g.
50 Alexis or Peter, e.g.
51 Big name in oil and gas
52 Court great
54 Novelist Sarah — Jewett
55 Basic musical chords
57 Bullfighter
61 D.C. baseballer
62 Ike's inits.
63 USSR's Cold War foe
64 Alluringly shy
65 "Moo" maker
67 76ers' org.
68 Rocket scientist Wernher — Braun
71 Neutral color
72 Bryn —, Pennsylvania
73 Feel fluid, perhaps
74 Not cluttered
75 Bagel center
76 "— Fideles"
77 Father, to a tot
78 Knievel of motorcycle stunts

- 79 Cravings
82 Hurry it up
86 Tech detail
87 Wife of Zeus
88 — Scott case
89 Civil wrong
90 "Quiet!"
91 Dumpty dwellings
92 — Sea (Asian lake)
95 Thirsts for
97 Rearranges
100 Basil and bay leaf
101 Heads-up
102 YouTube clip
103 All gone, as food
104 Add-on
105 Purple color
106 Decorative flower holders
107 Cybermissive
108 Scorch
113 1040 IDs: Abbr.
115 Fruity quaff
116 According to
118 Fence (in)
119 Psychic "gift"
120 Added charge
121 Bruin great Bobby
122 Alleged psychic Geller



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they'll understand and even applaud you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it's up to you, dear Bovine, to decide how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn't be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty's domain.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month's end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don't get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you're up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of fair play doesn't allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

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May 29, 1:30 pm - Old Time Fiddle Session Join in on the fiddling, sit and listen, or dance if you want to. All ages are welcome! Free

The Mattapoisett Museum has just been awarded a \$1500 grant from the Bridge Street Fund through Mass Humanities and the Massachusetts Cultural Council for virtual programs scheduled for June, August, and October with lecturers John Horrigan and Christopher Daley. For more information, please visit www.mattapoisettmuseum.org.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Lego Club Thursday, 4 pm, May-September - Lego club is back! Join us Thursdays at 4 pm in the library courtyard for child-led play, open to all ages. This is a drop-in activity, we provide the Legos, you provide the creativity! Oversized-Legos available for young children. Lego club will be held indoors in case of bad weather.

Storytime in the Courtyard. Tuesdays and Fridays 10:30 am - All ages are invited to listen and play at our twice weekly outdoor story times. Story times will be held indoors in case of bad weather.

True Crime Book Club Hosted by Jay Pateakos. Thursday **June 7** at 6:30 - Join us for a Thursday evening book club centered on thrilling and chilling true crime stories. Contact the library for more information.

Dungeons & Dragons with Dylan. Beginning Tuesday **May 31** 4-6 pm - Join our resident table top enthusiast Dylan Benoit for D&D at the library. Beginners

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Summer Reading is coming! Summer reading kick-off event with Carabiner's portable rock-climbing wall and Oxford Creamery's OxCart. Saturday **June 25** 11-2 pm- The summer reading adventure begins on **June 25** with a visit from a portable climbing wall and free ice cream! Little ones are invited to our summer splash event with splash pads, kiddie pools, sprinklers, and more!

Looking for a place to hold your book club, knitting group, board game club, community action group, tutoring space or student meeting space?

The Elizabeth Taber Library has indoor and outdoor accommodations available for all small group meetings. Call to reserve our meeting room space or to arrange for outdoor accommodations (shade tent included) or stop by anytime to check out our space.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org

ORRHS Senior Class Events

-May 19/20: Last Day of Classes, only blocks 1 and 2 on 5/20

-May 20: Senior Picnic, dismissed after block 2

-May 23-26: Senior Final Exams

-May 31: Senior Prom, 6:30-10 pm

-June 2: Graduation Rehearsal, 9:00 am

-June 2: Senior Awards Night, 6:30 pm

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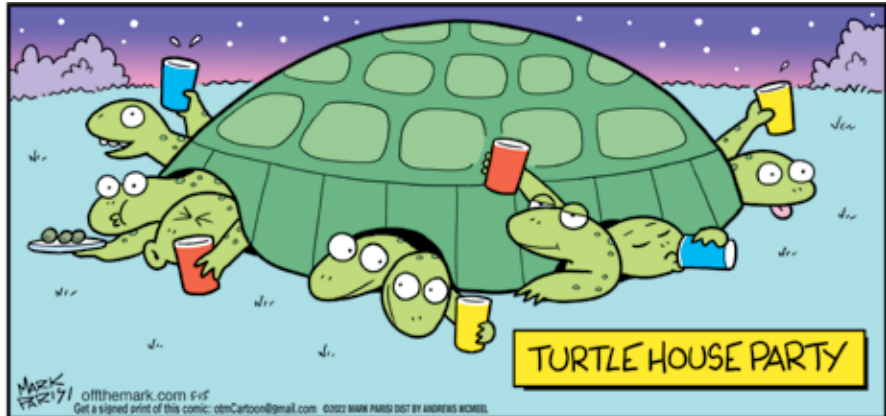
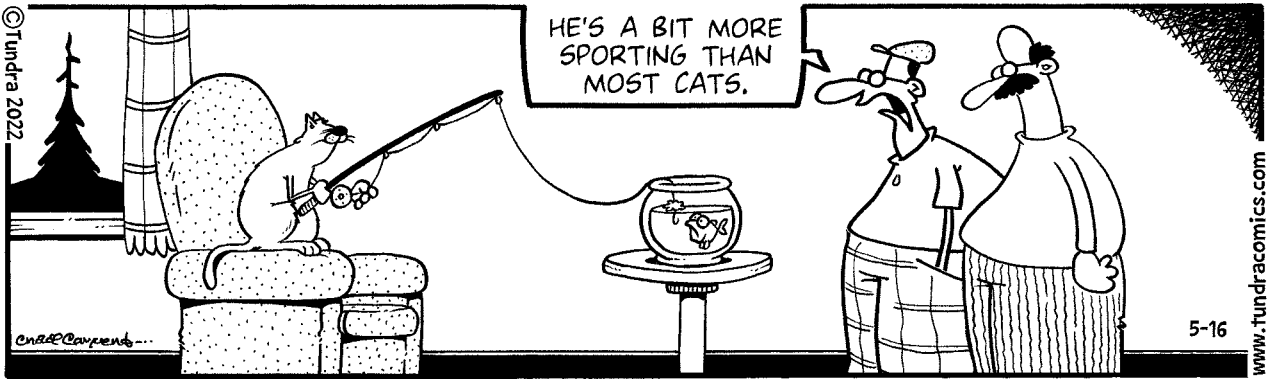
   

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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



- June 3: Senior Assembly, 9:00 am
- June 3: Senior Walk, immediately following Senior Assembly
- June 3: Senior Parade, 6:30 pm
- June 4: Graduation, 12 pm

Marion Town Party

The Marion Town Party will be held beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday, **August 27** at Silvershell Beach. There will be food and beverages for sale, music and fun for the kids.

For up to date information please "Like" our Facebook page – Marion Town Party. We will have more details to share in the coming weeks. We look forward to celebrating with you!

The MAC Theater Announces Auditions for August Play

The Marion Art Center Theater announces open auditions for the upcoming production of Rabbit Hole written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Synopsis: Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want, until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. "Rabbit Hole" charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day.

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Director Kate Fishman will be casting five roles: one male and one female able to play late thirties/early forties, one female able to play early thirties, one female able to play mid-sixties and one male able to play a seventeen-year old boy. Character descriptions and more information can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Auditions will be held at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, **May 21** from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm and on **Sunday, May 22** from 1:00-3:00 pm. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. Only fully vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Please wear a mask to auditions. Performance dates are scheduled **August 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28**.



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<p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 4:15 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by Charon Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 406 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 16.</p> <p>The following variances are requested from Mass. Title 5:</p> <p>Section 15.211: To allow the wall of the proposed addition to be built 2 feet from the existing septic tank.</p> <p>Section 15.221 (7): To allow the top of the septic tank to be more than 3 feet below finish grade</p> <p>Dot M. Brown, AB, MS, MEd, Chairman Public participation in this meeting via remote option can be facilitated by contacting Maureen Murphy at mmurphy@marionma.gov or at 508-748-3530 prior to the meeting. 5/12, 5/19</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECTBOARD NOTIC OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for May 24, 2022, at 6:35 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Rustico LLC, 62 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 requesting a transfer of All Alcohol Beverage License and applying for an Entertainment License and Common Victualler's License.</p> <p>Manager of record to be Jessica Moore. Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman Jodi L Bauer, Vice Chair, R. Tyler Macallister, Clerk 5/12, 5/19</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm in person at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and remotely via Zoom concerning the Application for Approval of a Definitive Plan submitted by Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. for a proposed subdivision of land located off of the westerly side of North Street, shown as Lot 16C on Assessor Map 18. Complete plans are filed in the office of the town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during the hours of 10 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday or online at www.mattapoisett.net.</p> <p>Join Meeting via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88031788497?pwd=UHFQb1pYdkpHUUnVjd2tMQXNzL3Vodz09 Meeting ID: 880 3178 8497 Passcode: 740620 Or dial by your location: (301) 715-8592 US (Washington DC) 5/19, 5/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES NOTICE OF TAX TAKING</p> <p>The owners of occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Marion in the County of Plymouth and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public,</p>	<p>are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as the Collector of Taxes for the Town of Marion by the Board of Assessors of said town, remain unpaid, and that said parcel(s) of land, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intent to take for the Town of Marion on the 27th day of MAY, 2022 at 10 o'clock am at Marion Town House the following parcels of land for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with demand, interest and all legal costs and charges to the date of taking, unless the same shall be previously discharge. All plans referred to are on file in the Assessor's Office.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>324 FRONT STREET OWNER LLC, BUILDING located at 324 FRONT ST 01 in MARION, shown on Assessor's Map 00130002401, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 48022/321. Tax for FY-2021 \$9,308.34.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>324 FRONT STREET OWNER LLC, BUILDING located at 324 FRONT ST 02 in MARION, shown on Assessor's Map 00130002402, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 48022/321. Tax for FY-2021 \$9,590.56.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>L ORANGE COMPANY, LAND & BUILDING located at 120 FRONT ST in MARION, containing 16,530.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 001600074, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 51091/0254. Tax for FY-2021 \$11,328.09.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>L ORANGE COMPANY, LAND located at FRONT ST in MARION, containing 4,889.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 00160063F, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 51091/0256. 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Tax for FY-2021 \$335.32. 5/19, 5/26</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Andrew O'Shaughnessy, 88 Aucoot Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to renovate and expand patio and stone wall and build in cement platform for propane tank. The project is located at 88 Aucoot Road, and is further identified as Lot 80 on Assessor Map 3.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/19</p> <hr/> <p>Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Division of Wetlands and Waterways Southeast Regional Office – Lakeville 20 Riverside Drive Lakeville, MA 02347 508-946-2700 Public Notice</p> <p>Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for Mattapoisett Bogs Restoration Project by Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 on 141 Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett. The project purpose is to restore retired cranberry bogs to natural wetlands and diversify habitats within the restored bogs, and to improve fish passage within Tripps Mill Brook without increasing downstream flood flows. Additional information may be obtained from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. by contacting Stephen Lecco at 1350 Main Street, Suite 1400, Springfield, MA 01103, or 413-726-2114. Written comments should be sent to Southeast Regional Office, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 within twenty-one days of this notice.</p> <p>Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. 5/19</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Request to Amend Order of Conditions DEP File 44-1298 submitted by Jeff Himawan, PO Box 1413, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to reconfigure the proposed house and driveway. The project is located at 10 Point Road, and is further identified as Lot 156, 157 on Assessor Map 2.A.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/19</p> <hr/> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day - 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>

The MAC Theater Announces June Play

The MAC Theater is pleased to present its second production of the season, outdoors in Bicentennial Park, Marion (located across the street from the Marion Art Center.) This project is generously supported by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency (massculturalcouncil.org.) Show Dates are **June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, & 18**. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 6:30 pm, while Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00 pm. Attendees should bring their own chairs. In case of cancellation due to rain, ticket holders may choose another date or request a refund. Tickets are \$18 for MAC members, on sale now and \$20 for nonmembers, on sale as of **Friday, May 13**. Purchase tickets at marionartcenter.org/events.

The June production features four one-act plays by David Ives from his comedic collection *All in the Timing*. *Words, Words, Words*, directed by Shelia McManus, recalls the philosophical adage that three monkeys typing into infinity will sooner or later produce Hamlet and asks: What would monkeys talk about at their typewriters? *The Philadelphia*, directed by Linda Costa, presents two friends in a restaurant who have fallen into "a Philadelphia," a Twilight Zone-like state in which they cannot get anything they ask for. *Sure Thing*, directed by Donn Tyler, features two people who meet in a café and find their way through a conversational minefield of false starts, gaffes, and faux pas on the

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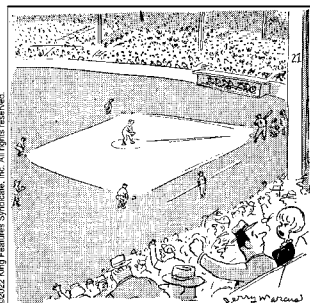
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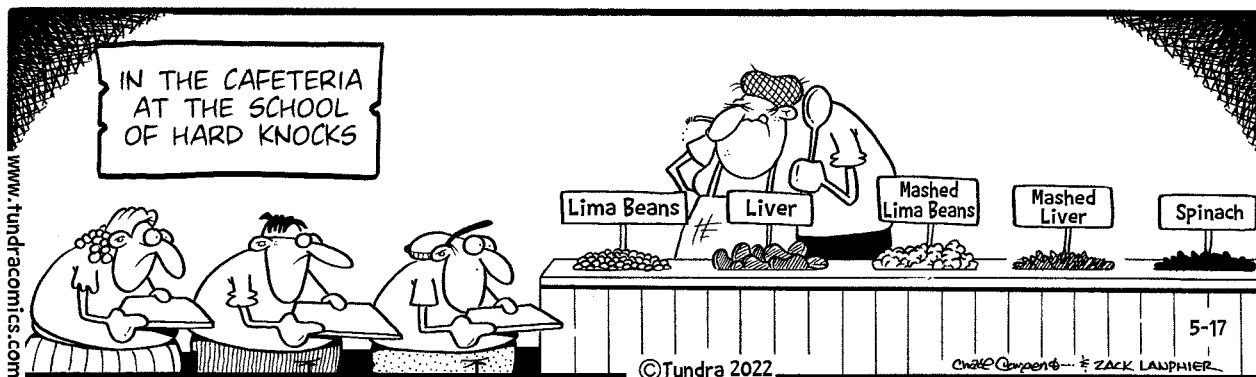
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Hal Barnes	May 19
Kayla Souza	May 19
Louie Rezendes	May 19
Olivia George	May 19
Stephen Sadeck	May 19
Zachary Rogers	May 19
Catherine Vaitses	May 20
Christopher Luebke	May 20
Erick Dawson	May 20
Molly Gilbert	May 20
Sophia Goodman	May 20
Deianeira Underhill	May 21
Gavin Fox	May 21
Ryan Cusick	May 21
Sophia Cruz	May 21
Chris Martin	May 22
Jessie Rush	May 22
Kristina Sauerbrey	May 22
Louise Hughes	May 22
Alan 'Papuk' Torren	May 23
Ange King	May 23
Connor Bailey	May 23
Griffin Dunn	May 23
Susan Wainio	May 23
Marianne Brodo	May 24
Paulette Lake	May 24
Peter See	May 24
Taylor Matthews	May 24
Caroline Langley	May 25
Heidi V. Perkins	May 25

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information on line to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



pricing, visit Mattapoisett Lions Club on Facebook or by visiting the website

ORCTV 2022 Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community Television will hold its annual meeting on Monday, **June 6** at 5:00 pm at the ORCTV Studio located at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. This meeting will include the election of members to the organization's Board of Directors.

2022 Board of Director's Nomination Slate

Marion Nominee - Bill Tilden - 2 yr. term

Rochester Nominee - Erin Bednarczyk - 2 yr. term

Mattapoisett Nominee - Tim Smith - 2 yr. term

Membership Seat - Nancy Sparklin - 1 yr. term

Marion's Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession

The 2022 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 30** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The 2022 procession and remembrances will follow the same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial, the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion."

The procession and remembrances will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band. Our Guest Speaker is Jack McLean, author of *Loon: A Maine Story* and United States Marine Corps Veteran. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Major Andrew Bonney of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The featured speaker is Jack McLean, author of *Loon: A Marine Story* (Random House, 2009,) a National Best-Selling memoir about his service in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. He served as an

infantry corporal in Vietnam in 1967-1968. In the fall of 1968, he became the first Vietnam War combat veteran to matriculate at Harvard University. His thirty-year marketing career began with the New York Mets. After subsequent stops in Boston, Portland, Charlotte and Washington, DC, he became the Founding Managing Partner of the Greater Washington Initiative. Jack has recently completed his second book, *Three Survivors: A Veteran Story*.

Raised in Summit, NJ, Jack is married, has three daughters, seven grandchildren and one dog. He currently resides in Huntington, NY.

We encourage Residents to join us for the remembrances as well as stand along the procession parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

LWV Luncheon

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast will celebrate its Inaugural meeting with a special luncheon and distinguished speaker at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **May 19** at 12:30 pm.

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the Coalition in town halls, state and federal agencies and in state and federal courts. Ms. Petersen's focus is the long-term

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A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful
Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the
Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my
necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me
herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother
of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly be-
seech you from the bottom of my heart to succour
me in my necessity (make request). There are none
that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived
without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee
(3 times). O Holy Mary, I place this cause in your
hands (3 times). Amen. Say this prayer for three
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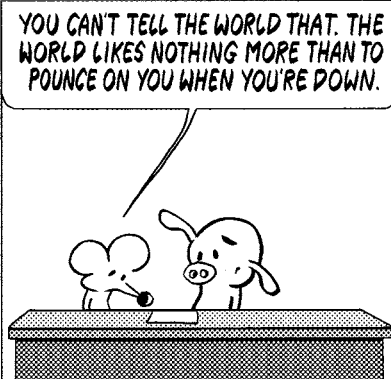
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater.

Ms. Petersen is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BS degree, cum laude, in Resource Economics. She received a Master of Studies in Environmental Law, cum laude, and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School.

Be a part of history, visit our website and help us unveil the League's new governance model at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **May 19** at 12:30 pm.

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast champions Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. As always, the League welcomes new members.

To register for the luncheon and program, contact the League at: lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com by May 10, 2022. To view the Luncheon/Banquet menu and cost, go to: wamsuttaclub.org/functions-banquets-weddings/, scroll down to luncheons and banquets. A cash bar will be available.

Mattapoisett Road Race

After being delayed for 2 years due to Covid, the Fourth of July, 5 mile, Mattapoisett Road Race is ready to celebrate its 50th running. Started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound



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senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$150,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. This year, the stipends will be offered to graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021 who did not already receive an award, as well as 2022 graduates. Go to mattapoisettroadrace.com for race registration and the application form for the College Stipends.

Free Community Shred Event

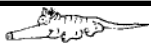
A free, community Shred Event will be held on Saturday, **June 4**, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center parking lot, 465 Mill Street, Marion. Securely dispose of your unwanted papers and keep your identity safe and out of the trash. This is a free event. We do ask that you bring a non-perishable donation for the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center Food Pantry.

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Hanifin, David S Hanifin, Mary L	Hilsabeck, John R Jr Hilsabeck, Peggy Ann	15 Cannon St	Mattapoisett	04/29/2022	830,000.00
Harman, Stella E	Rizzotto-griffiths, Grace	102 Front St	Marion	04/29/2022	765,000.00
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Littlewood, Ronald A	Barrett, Fatima S	30 Rocky Knook Ln	Marion	05/02/2022	355,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 19	11:24	11:50	5:02	4:45
Friday	May 20		12:22	5:57	5:41
Saturday	May 21	12:50	1:23	7:12	6:50
Sunday	May 22	1:50	2:23	8:46	8:55
Monday	May 23	2:49	3:23	9:51	10:25
Tuesday	May 24	3:50	4:24	10:40	11:24
Wednesday	May 25	4:51	5:24	11:15	
Thursday	May 26	5:48	6:18	12:11	12:01
Friday	May 27	6:39	7:04	12:49	12:07
Saturday	May 28	7:25	7:47	1:23	12:38
Sunday	May 29	8:08	8:26	1:55	1:15
Monday	May 30	8:48	9:04	2:30	1:55
Tuesday	May 31	9:28	9:41	3:08	2:37
Wednesday	June 1	10:08	10:18	3:45	3:20
Thursday	June 2	10:48	10:55	4:23	4:03
Friday	June 3	11:30	11:35	5:00	4:44
Saturday	June 4		12:14	5:37	5:27
Sunday	June 5	12:18	1:00	6:17	6:14
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter		May 22nd	
		New Moon		May 30th	
		First Quarter		June 7th	
		Full Moon		June 14th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

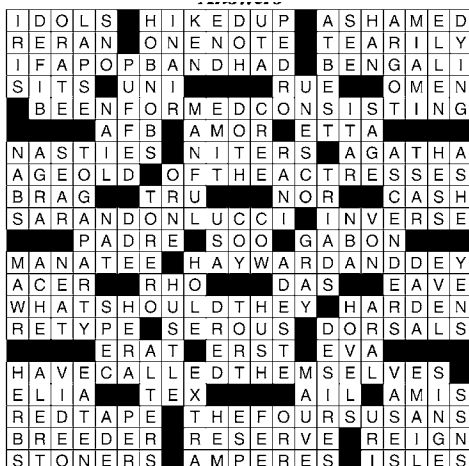
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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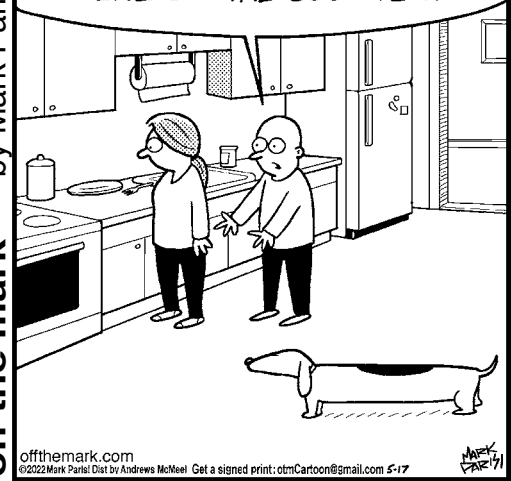
1. Minus
2. Scold
3. Master;
4. Admire

Today's Word DIAMOND

Sudoku Answer

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1	6	5	9	7	8	3	4	2
7	4	3	2	5	1	9	8	6
6	2	1	5	4	9	8	3	7
9	3	8	6	1	7	4	2	5
4	5	7	3	8	2	1	6	9
2	8	9	1	6	4	7	5	3
5	7	6	8	9	3	2	1	4
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